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SUBJ: SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT (JULY-DECEMBER 31, 1974)

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1. A) US HAS NO ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH GOM.

B) NONE. ALL TRAINING CENTRALLY FUNDED.

C) NONE.

D) NONE.

E) DURING REPORTING PERIOD TWO ROYAL MALAYSIAN POLICE (RMP)

OFFICERS ATTENDED POLICE MANAGEMENT WITH NARCOTICS

ORIENTATION SCHOOL (NO. 8); ONE RMP OFFICER AND ONE

POLICE OFFICER ATTACHED TO MALAYSIAN CENTRAL NARCOTICS

BUREAU ATTENDED DRUG ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' ACADEMY

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(SEPT 30-DEC 18, 1974), THERE WAS NO IN-COUNTRY OR

IN-REGION TRAINING AND NO OFFERS OF TRAINING WERE
REFUSED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

F) TWO DEA AGENTS AND ONE DEA SECRETARY.

2. A) MISSION AND GOM PERCEPTION OF DIMENSIONS OF NARCOTICS
PROBLEM IN MALAYSIA AND OF MALAYSIAN ROLE IN INTER-
NATIONAL NARCOTICS TRAFFIC HAVE CHANGED SIGNIFICANTLY
DURING REPORTING PERIOD AND JANUARY 1975. IT IS
NOW BELIEVED THAT SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF HEROIN ARE
PROCESSED IN MALAYSIA WITH DESTINATIONS IN OTHER
COUNTRIES (INCLUDING AUSTRALIA, WESTERN EUROPE, AND
POSSIBLY THE US). EVIDENCE FOR THIS WAS SEIZURE
(IN JAN 1975) OF MORE THAN 80 LBS. HEROIN FROM
SABENA AIRLINE FLIGHT FROM KL TO VIENNA AND BRUSSELS.
(SEIZURE MADE IN THESE TWO CITIES ON BASIS INTELLI-
GENCE ORIGINATING HERE.) THE HEROIN IS BELIEVED TO
HAVE BEEN PROCESSED IN LABORATORIES IN MALAYSIA FROM
GOLDEN TRIANGLE OPIUM. THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS
OTHER SEIZURES OF HEROIN AND OPIUM OVER THE LAST SIX
MONTHS, BUT NONE APPROACHING THE SIZE OF THE SABENA
SHIPMENT.

B) ABUSE: THERE ARE NO RELIABLE STATISTICS CONCERNING
DRUG ABUSE IN MALAYSIA, BUT CONCERNED OFFICIALS
BELIEVE THAT IT IS ON THE RISE; CONSEQUENTLY, THERE
IS GENERAL DETERMINATION TO PURSUE A MORE EFFECTIVE
ENFORCEMENT EFFORT. CURRENTLY UNDER DISCUSSION
WITHIN GOM ARE A COMPULSORY TREATMENT SYSTEM FOR
DRUG ADDICTS AND INCREASED PENALTIES FOR DRUG PUSHERS.
THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE ANY MOVES TOWARD ENACTING
CONSPIRACY LAWS OR RELAXING OF STRICTURES AGAINST
ENTRAPMENT WHICH THE EMBASSY HAS LONG BELIEVED WOULD
BE HELPFUL IN PROMOTING MORE EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT OF
DRUG LAWS. (IN THIS CONTEST MALAYSIAN LAW MINISTRY
ATTORNEY-GENERAL RECENTLY ASSURED THE DCM THAT THERE
IS NO NEED FOR CONSPIRACY LAWS BECAUSE THE GOM COULD
ARREST AND DETAIN MAJOR DRUG DEALERS UNDER THE PRO-
VISIONS OF THE INTERNAL SECURITY ACT.)

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C) AS REPORT IN (A) ABOVE, THERE IS NOW BELIEVED TO BE
SIGNIFICANT HEROIN PROCESSING GOING ON IN MALAYSIA;
LABORATORIES ARE BELIEVED TO BE LOCATED IN BUKIT MER-
TAJAM AREA OF PROVINCE WELLESLEY, PENANG, AND IN
IPOH AREA OF PERAK. NO OPIUM IS GROWN IN MALAYSIA,
AND THERE IS NO KNOWN PROCESSING OF PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS.

D) HEROIN BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN PROCESSED OR TRANSSHIPPED

IN MALAYSIA HAS BEEN FOUND IN AUSTRALIA, SINGAPORE, AND WESTERN EUROPE; OPIUM TRANSITTING MALAYSIA ALSO FOUND IN HONG KONG. CARRIERS HAVE INCLUDED AIRLINE FLIGHTS FROM KL, CARGO VESSELS FROM PENANG AND PORT KLANG, AND TRAWLERS AND OTHER SMALL VESSELS OPERATING IN THESE WATERS. PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN SMUGGLING HAVE INCLUDED MALAYSIAN CITIZENS (MOSTLY ETHNIC CHINESE), OTHER CHINESE FROM THIS AREA, EUROPEAN SEAMEN, EUROPEAN TOURISTS, AND POSSIBLY AIRLINE PERSONNEL. FINANCING APPEARS TO BE PROVIDED BY LOCAL SYNDICATES WITH CONTACTS IN SINGAPORE, THAILAND, HONG KONG, AND SOME EUROPEAN CITIES.

E) GOM DRUG ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS APPEAR TO BE IN REASONABLY GOOD CONTACT WITH THAI COUNTERPARTS (IN PART FACILITATED BY DEA); AUSTRALIA MAINTAINS NARCOTICS ATTACHE AT HIGH COMMISSION HERE; AND GOM SINGAPORE SECURITY OFFICIALS MAINTAIN REGULAR CONTACT. UN HAS ALSO PROMOTED CONTACTS AMONG DRUG ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS, AND OFFICIALS HERE HAVE COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON EFFORTS OF COLOMBO PLAN DRUG ADVISER, PIO ABARRO.

F) EMBASSY MAINTAINS CLOSE AND REGULAR CONTACT WITH GOM OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH NARCOTICS.

G) MOST IMPORTANT SINGLE SEIZURE WAS APPROX 40 KILOS SEIZED IN EUROPE (SEE PART A). OFFICER INTIMATELY INVOLVED IN THIS OPERATION, ASST. SUPERINTENDENT KOH KIM FOOK, IS GRADUATE OF DEA DRUG ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' SCHOOL. INFORMATION REGARDING TOTAL SEIZURES AND ARRESTS FOR 1974 IS NOT YET AVAILABLE FROM GOM. FOR NEW LEGISLATION AND LEGISLATION UNDER CONSIDERATION SEE PART B.
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H) NOT APPLICABLE.

I) THERE NO US FINANCING OF MALAYSIAN TREATMENT/ REHABILITATION/EDUCATION. THERE HAS BEEN TALK FOR SEVERAL YEARS NOW ABOUT ESTABLISHING SPECIALIZED DRUG TREATMENT FACILITIES HERE. HOWEVER, ACUTE SHORTAGE OF TRAINED PERSONNEL PERMITS ESTABLISHMENT OF ONLY SMALL SCALE PROGRAMS IN THESE FIELDS IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

3. MISSION NARCOTICS CONTROL COORDINATOR IS DCM ROBERT S. DILLON.
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